

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on October 27, 2005 has been carefully considered and the Examiner's remarks are appreciated. Claims 1-3, 9-11, and 15 are allowed. However, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objected drawings in view of the above amendments, the replacement drawings, and the following remarks. No new matter has been added, with the amendments supported by the Specification, claims, and the drawings.

Regarding Figures 1-4, the Examiner's objections were based on the absence of "Prior Art" legends. Applicants have provided 7 sheets (of 9 total sheets) of replacement drawings with the appropriate corrections.

Regarding Figures 5-7, the Examiner's objections were based on inconsistency of the drawings with the Brief Description of the Drawings section. Applicants have made amendments to the Specification as well as provided replacement drawings with the appropriate corrections.

Regarding Figure 7 in particular, the Examiner stated new matter is introduced, i.e. a tractor trailer arrangement with multiple trailers arranged in a train and the use of differing embodiments of drag reducers 300 and 400. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that this is not in fact new matter and support for a dual trailer arrangement is found in paragraph [0006], and paragraph [0036], citing a second trailer hitched to a first trailer. Figure 7 simply illustrates what was already described in paragraph [0036], which is

another baffle assembly to span the additional gap between the first trailer and an optional second trailer. Also contrary to the Examiner's statement, Figure 7 does not suggest that baffle assembly 300 (currently amended as 200 for consistency with Figures 5 and 6) must be different from drag reducer 400. The two baffle assemblies are generically drawn as non-descript panels and are visually indistinguishable from each other. The different reference characters are used simply to identify the two units for referencing purposes.

Summary

Having overcome the Examiner's objections to the drawings with replacement drawings and with amendments to the Specification as discussed above, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to allowance that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-7274.

Respectfully submitted,

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